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Attorney Docket No. 101.0101-00000
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)
Serial No.: 09/768,991)
Filed: January 23, 2001)
For: INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT)
WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED TO)
RECEIVE BONE SCREWS)
(As Amended))

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: P. Philogene

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated June 11, 2002, please amend the application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims (with changes as shown in the attachment) as follows:

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1. (Amended) A spinal implant for insertion at least in part across at least the height of a disc space between adjacent vertebral bodies, said implant comprising:
opposed upper and lower surfaces adapted to be placed toward and in contact with each of the adjacent vertebral bodies, respectively, from within the disc space;
a leading end for insertion into the disc space and between the adjacent vertebral bodies;
a trailing end opposite said leading end, said trailing end having an exterior surface and an outer perimeter with an upper edge and a lower edge adapted to be oriented toward the